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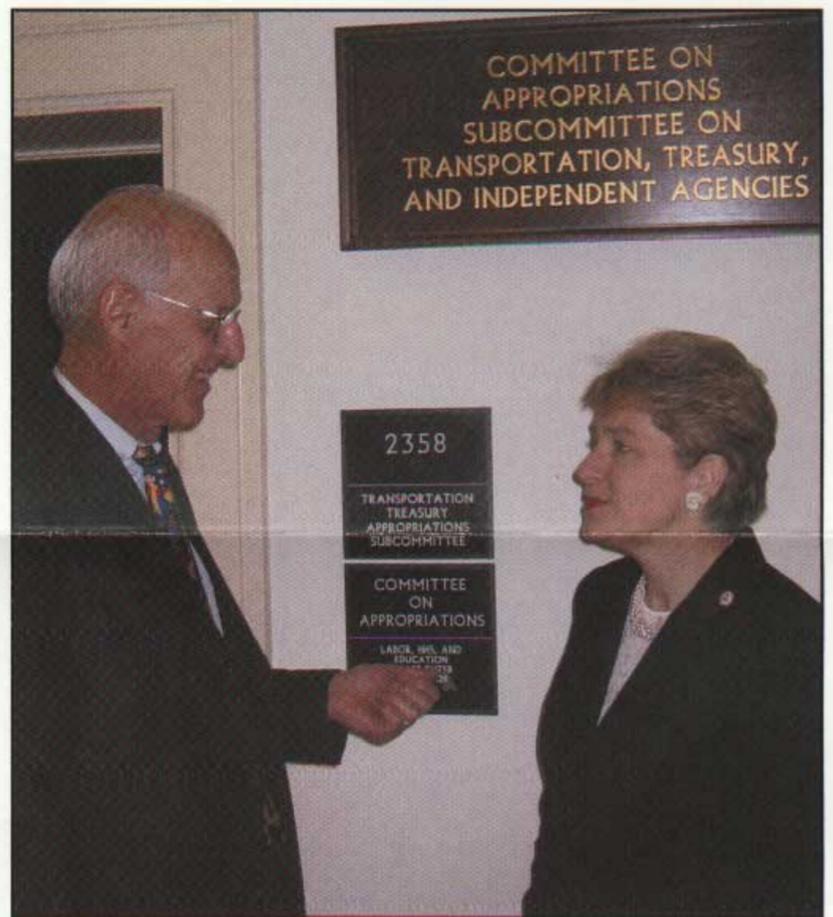
First Congressional District Economic Development Update

Western and central Massachusetts communities often don't have enough local or state-supplied funds to finance critical transportation, health care, education, crime prevention, environmental protection, recreation, cultural or historic preservation projects. But ongoing improvements in these areas are needed to keep our quality of life high. At times, it seems as if every community west of I-495 must fight to get its fair share of public funds for infrastructure improvement, especially in the area of transportation.

A position on the U.S. House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee can help. Since my appointment to that Committee in the 1990s, I've worked closely with local leaders and planners to boost economic development spending in communities all over the First Congressional District. The Committee can't always

completely fund a project, but it can often get the ball rolling or fill in funding gaps on initiatives important to making life better in our region.

Last year, my colleagues appointed me the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies and a new member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies. Both panels fund a number of agencies and programs important to western and central Massachusetts.



I recently talked with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09), Ranking Member of the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, about rural transportation and telecommunications issues in the Fiscal Year 2005 budget.

To see some of the recent economic development initiatives in the First Congressional District funded or partially funded by the House Appropriations Committee at my request,

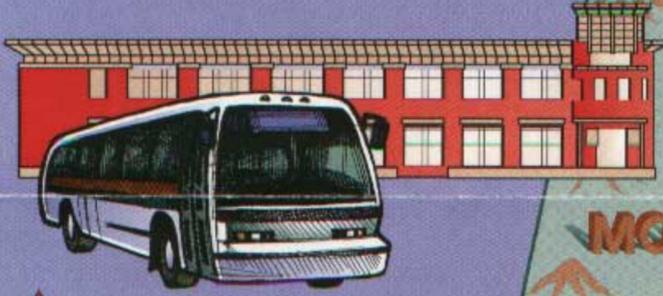
LOOK INSIDE

★ Williamstown Spring Street redesign
\$1.5 million - Federal earmarked funds

MASS MOCA

★ North Berkshire community transit system
\$800,000 - Federal earmarked funds

★ Great Falls
\$1.05 million - Federal earmarked funds



★ Pittsfield Intermodal Transportation Center
\$8.8 million - Federal earmarked funds

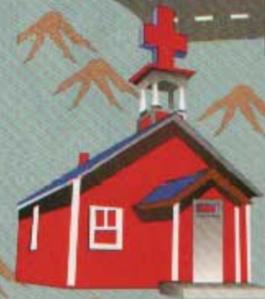
★ Franklin County Community Development Corporation food processing center
\$125,000 - Federal earmarked funds

MOUNT GREYLOCK

ROUTE 2 Shelburne Falls

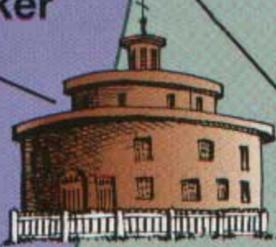


★ Ashuwillticook bike trail
\$3 million - Federal earmarked funds



★ Mohawk trail Regional School-based health clinic
\$333,333 - Federal earmarked funds

Hancock Shaker Village



★ Route 116 reconstruction in Ashfield, Conway
\$5 million - Federal earmarked funds



★ Pioneer Valley bike paths
\$3.5 million

TANGLEWOOD



★ Gateway Regional School-based health clinic
\$333,333 - Federal earmarked funds



Appalachian Trail

MASS PIKE

★ Purchase/preservation of 140 acres on Mt. Tom
\$1.1 million - Federal earmarked funds

MOUNT TOM



★ Westfield Intermodal Transportation Center
\$3.7 million - Federal earmarked funds

★ South Berkshire Regional Community Center
\$325,000 - Federal earmarked funds

★ Berkshire Taconic invasive plant species removal/ecosystem restoration
\$500,000 - Federal earmarked funds



Discovery Center
- Federal
funds



★ **North Quabbin area Dial-A-Ride service**
\$2.6 million - Federal earmarked funds
(since 1988)



clean energy research facility
\$1.96 million - Federal earmarked funds



★ **Simonds-Sinon Cancer Center
new construction and equipment**
\$2 million - Federal earmarked funds

★ **North Central bike path
improvements**
\$300,000 - Federal
earmarked funds

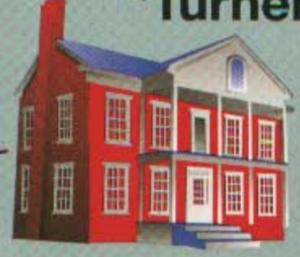
★ **Route 2 safety
improvements**
\$13.4 million - Federal
earmarked funds



★ **Pepperell Springs
Forest preservation
(265 acres)**
\$1.4 million - Federal
earmarked funds



Turners Falls



**Old Deerfield town
center restoration**
\$300,000 - Federal
earmarked funds

★ **Athol Train Depot
transportation center renovation**
\$440,000 - Federal earmarked funds



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★ **Emily Dickinson
Museum
rehabilitation**
\$200,000 - Federal
earmarked funds



★ **Gilbertville covered bridge restoration**
\$340,000 - Federal grant supported

★ **Nashawannuck Pond dredging/restoration**
\$1.032 million - Federal earmarked funds

★ **West Springfield Police Department
technology upgrades**
\$125,000 - Federal earmarked funds

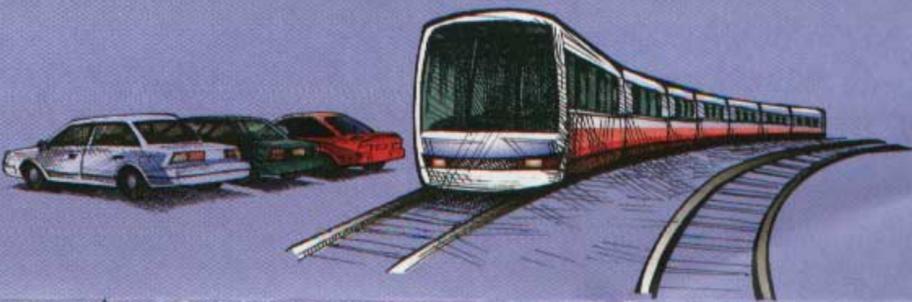
**MOUNT
WAGHUSSETT**



**Quabbin
Reservoir**



★ **Fitchburg Intermodal Transportation Center**
\$4.86 million - Federal earmarked funds



★ **North Leominster Park & Ride**
\$1.73 million - Federal earmarked funds

Connecticut River

al Transportation Center
earmarked funds

MAP NOT TO SCALE

My experienced staff can help with questions or problems you encounter with federal Agencies. While I cannot order an agency to decide a matter in your favor, my offices can usually get thorough consideration of requests and a timely response.

Services for Seniors

I can help with **Social Security** and related benefits claims and questions/problems regarding such issues as...

- ▲ Supplemental security benefits
- ▲ Lost or missing benefits
- ▲ Disputed earnings records
- ▲ Eligibility based on a birth certificate
- ▲ Overpayment or underpayment of benefits

In addition, caseworkers in my offices can help you determine which services are covered under **Medicare**. If you are having specific problems regarding a coverage issue, I will make an inquiry on your behalf.

My staff can also provide information regarding applications for **heating fuel assistance**.

Other Services

- ▲ Immigration/visa cases
- ▲ Passports
- ▲ IRS issues
- ▲ Military Academy nominations
- ▲ White House greetings
- ▲ Flags flown over the U.S. Capitol
- ▲ Washington, DC tours

SERVICES FOR VETERANS

My offices can encourage a timely decision and help you track the progress of your application if you apply for service-connected **disability compensation** or an increased disability rating from the VA.

When important **mementos of military service** such as medals or ribbons are misplaced or never properly issued, my offices can help you take on the task of getting a replacement or belated issuance.

The most important record from one's military service is the **DD214**. If lost, I can submit an inquiry to the National Personnel Records Center to provide you with a replacement copy or an alternative official separation document.

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